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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT-IMPORT OF CNC, NC AND OTHER
SOPHISTICATED MACHINE TOOLS BY BHARAT HEAVY
ELECTRICAL LTD.,SPECIAL HANDLING

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 10635 (B) NEW DELHI 10242

1. REF (B) REPORTED A MAJOR TENDER INQUIRY FROM HEAVY
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT PLANT OF BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS
LIMITED (BHEL) RANIPUR, HARDWAR 249403, UTTAR PRADESH
FOR IMPORT OF 47 MACHINE TOOL ITEMS (CNC, NC AND
OTHER SOPHISTICATED MACHINE TOOLS AND ALLIED
EQUIPMENT). TOTAL VALUE OF EQUIPMENT IS IN EXCESS DOLS
45 MILLION. ORIGINAL BID DEADLINES SET BETWEEN
AGUST 9 AND 16 HAVE NOW BEEN EXTENDED TO THE DATES
INDICATED BELOW:

A) T 81551 TO T 81554 OCTOBER 23, 1978

B) T 81555 TO T 81558 OCTOBER 24, 1978

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C) T 81559 TO T 81562 OCTOBER 25, 1978

D) T 81563 TO T 81566 OCTOBER 26, 1978

E) T 81567 TO T 81570 OCTOBER 27, 1978

F) T 81571 TO T 81574 OCTOBER 28, 1978

G) T 81575 TO T 81578 NOVEMBER 6, 1978

H) T 81579 TO T 81582 NOVEMBER 7, 1978

I) T 81583 TO T 81586 NOVEMBER 8, 1978

J) T 81587 TO T 81590 NOVEMBER 9, 1978

K) T 81591 TO T 81595 NOVEMBER 10, 1978

2. ON REF. B TENDER, US SUPPLIERS WILL FACE STIFF COMPETITION FROM WEST GERMAN FIRMS WHICH ALREADY HAVE MORE THAN 40 PERCENT SHARE OF THE MARKET, OTHER CONTENDERS WILL BE FROM JAPAN, U.K., SWITZERLAND FRANCE AND SWEDEN. JOHN BEYER, MANAGER, MACHINE TOOL ENGINEERING, FARREL COMPANY DIVISION, USM CORPORATION, ROCHESTER, NY. 14610 RECENTLY VISITED NEW DELHI IN CONNECTION WITH SUBMITTING QUOTATIONS FOR A CNC STUB BORING MACHINE FOR MACHINING OF STEAM TURBINE CASTINGS, AND CNC ENGINE LATHE FOR TURBINE SHAFTS (T 81551 AND T 81552 OF REF B).

3. PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER IMPORTS OF MACHINE TOOLS BY BHEL APPEAR GOOD. GOI HAS ASSIGNED HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRIC POWER IN INDIA. BHEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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A LEADING PUBLIC SECTOR CORPORATION IS INDIA'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF A WIDE RANGE OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THERMAL, HYDRO AND NUCLEAR POWER. IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, BHEL PLANS TO INVEST MORE THAN DOLS 320 MILLION TO EXPAND, MODERNIZE AND DIVERSIFY ITS SIX MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AT BHOPAL, HYDERABAD, HARDWAR (TWO), TIRUCHIRAPALLI AND JHANSI.

4. ACCORDING TO BHEL OFFICIALS THE EXPANSION PLANS CALL FOR INVESTING ABOUT DOLS 150 MILLION ON SOPHISTICATED MACHINE TOOLS. A MAJOR PORTION OF THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE MET FROM IMPORTS. IN ADDITION TO THE OPPORTUNITY REPORTED (REF B), FUTURE IMPORTS WILL BE MADE BY BHEL'S UNITS AT BHOPAL, HYDERABAD, HARDWAR AND TIRUCHIRAPALLI. EMBASSY AND THE CONSULATES GENERAL (BOMBAY AND MADRAS) WILL REPORT TENDER OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY IT IS REQUESTED THAT USDOC DISSEMINATE BHEL'S CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS AMONG QUALIFIED

US SUPPLIERS OF MACHINE TOOLS. AMERICAN FIRMS SHOULD
BE ADVISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH FOLLOWING
BHEL OFFICIALS REGARDING FUTURE REQUIREMENTS:

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USDOC MAY ALSO BRING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THE ATTENTION
OF US PARTICIPANTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINE TOOL SHOW
(SEPTEMBER 6-15) MCCORMICK PLACE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. AS SEVERAL
LEADING INDIAN AGENTS, BUYERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF MACHINES
TOOLS ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING IMTS 78, US MACHINE TOOL
COMPANIES MAY BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MAJOR
OPPORTUNITY WITH THEM.
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